

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following paragraph at page 9, line 11:

E<sup>1</sup>  
FIG. 7 is a diagram showing the construction of the resistance element in a plan view, according to another embodiment.

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 11-22 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

E<sup>2</sup>  
As can be seen in FIG. 3, the polycide patterns 19, each having a width W and a length L, are arranged in a parallel relationship with each other with a mutual separation S. Thereby, it can be seen (FIG. 7) that the salicide regions 20B are between adjacent polycide patterns 19 with a width S and the same length L. Thus when the width W of the polycide patterns 19 is increased or decreased, the width S of the salicide region 20B is decreased or increased, and the variation of the total resistance of the resistance element, caused as a result of the size variation of the polycide patterns 19, is effectively compensated for.

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